(*d*) the total amount spent on the T.A. and D.A. of the Police force brought to Belgaum from other taluks of the district;

(*e*) the total amount spent on the T A. and D.A. of the Police force brought to Belgaum from other districts of the State ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes. Additional force to the extent necessary was indented for. Further details cannot be disclosed in public interest.

(*d*) Rs. 4,230 approximately.

(*e*) Rs. 1,022 approximately.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—What was the extent of force necessary according to the estimates of the local authorities of Belgaum then ?

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Whatever force was necessary according to the local officers, was made available to them.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—May I know from how many Districts the Police force was indented ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I think mostly from the same District and may be from one adjoining District.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Was it necessary to bring Police force from outside District when there was a Conference of the Syndicate Congress at Belgaum ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—When there is a Conference, whether it has been held by the Syndicate Congress or Indicate Congress or any other political party, it is the primary responsibility of the Government to see that law and order is maintained. Because some local parties like the Samyuktha Maharashtra Samithi and the M. E. S. had organised a 'Bandh' on that day, in order to maintain law and order, whatever force was absolutely necessary, was made available to them.

Demonstration by some leaders at the Meeting of the Congress (O) at Belgaum

3. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a political Conference of Mysore Congress Leaders (O) was held at Belgaum on the 14th and 15th of February 1970 ;

(*b*) whether a procession was taken out by some leaders from the Khade Bazaar area on 14th February 1970 (evening);

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†Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

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(*c*) whether it is not a fact that there was a hartal at Belgaum on the 14th February 1970;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that there was a token black flag demonstration at the Khade Bazaar area and that there were about 300 (three hundred) demonstrators with black flags led by the legislators from the Marathi speaking area in the border and President of the Belgaum Municipality;

(*e*) whether it is not a fact that some processionists, behind the Congress Leaders started dancing, beating and throwing stones at the peaceful demonstrators holding black flag;

(*f*) if so, the steps the police took to stop this;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that the police lathi charged the peaceful black flag demonstrators three times and about 100 people received serious injuries;

(*h*) whether it is not a fact that the legislators and the Belgaum Municipal President, who were all along advising the demonstrators to be peaceful, were also beaten severely when they were actually helping the wounded and the bleeding to be lifted to the hospital;

(*i*) whether the police resorted to any firing in the air;

(*j*) whether there is proposal before Government to conduct a judicial enquiry into the police excesses?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A call was given by the S.M.S., M.E.S. and others for observing hartal.

(*d*) to (*h*) A case has been filed in the Court of the Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Belgaum and taken on file as CC No. 992/70. The matter is therefore *sub judice*.

(*i*) No.

(*j*) No.

SRI B. P. KADAM.—Is it not a fact that the Chief Minister had discussion with the local Police Officer on the prior night and that it was decided that legislators from border Marathi areas should be murdered?

SRI VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know what to say! There is absolutely no truth and no basis for this. It is all the presumption of the hon. Member.

SRI B. P. KADAM.—Was it not a fact that the hon. Member Sri Sirdesai, who was held near the Hospital, was beaten and even when

he had fallen unconscious the Police continued to beat him till he was almost in a position not even to breathe ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—He is one of the accused. The whole matter is before the Court ; it is *sub judice*. So I do not wish to say anything.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Is it not a fact that some processionists behind the Congress leaders started dancing, beating and throwing stones at the peaceful demonstrators ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I stated that whoever had violated the Rules and the Act, action has been taken against all.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—Why is it that there is no answer to (*e*) ? Is it also *sub judice ?*

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I think, Sir, case under sections 147, 148. 149, 337 and 426 IPC has been chargesheeted on 23rd February 1970 in the Court of the I Class City Magistrate, Belgaum, and taken on file and some of the members are accused in this.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎ. ಅಗ್ನಿಹೋತ್ರಿ.—14 ಮತ್ತು 15ನೆ ತಾರೀಖುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ ನಡೆದಾಗ ಎಂ.ಇ.ಎಸ್.ನ ಕೆಲವರು ಕಲ್ಲು ಹೊಡೆದಾಗ ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರನ್ನು ಅರೆಸ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಲಾಯ್ತು ? ಎಷ್ಟು ಜನರಮೇಲೆ ಕಚ್ಚೆ ಹಾಕಲಾಗಿದೆ ?

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Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it a fact that there was a procession of Sri Nijalingappa who is the President of the Syndicate Congress, on that day ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—There was a procession. Sri Nijalingappa is the President of the All-India Congress Committee. He also participated in the procession.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—May I know the exact number of persons including the Municipal President who have been unconscious and who were removed to hospital ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I stated that the matter is *sub-judice*. I cannot disclose all the names because they are going to come up before the court.

Extension of Area Development Scheme to Srinivasapura

11. Sri B. L. NARAYANASWAMY (Srinivaspur).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that the conditions prevailing on account of frequent drought in Srinivasapur Taluk warrant the extension of the area development scheme to the said taluk ;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken so far in this behalf ;

(*c*) whether the scheme would be enforced from the coming year ?